Christmas is at Hand!

NIAGARA COLLEGE
of Applied Arts and Technology
WELLAND CAMPUS
LEARNING
RESOURCE CENTRE

Vol. 18, No. 6
Dec. 11, 1987
16 pages

NIAGARA NEWS

Published by the Journalism-Print Program, Niagara College, Welland, Ont.

Bullpit

Kids must understand why we celebrate

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

Upon my recent visit to the North Pole, I found that all is not well in Santa's Village.

The elves seemed down and depressed, and to say that Mrs. Claus was less than jovial would be an understatement. At the head of the depressed group was Santa himself.

There is a problem in the land of toys. After nearly 2,000 years of giving The Christmas Spirit to millions of children around the world, the elves are going on strike.

On strike? But why?

The elves, headed by union leader Alfred the Elf, are demanding that the little children of the world get more out of the 1987 Christmas than receiving gifts.

True meaning

In a recent interview Alfred said, "We refuse to produce any more toys and games for children who are not fully aware of the true meaning of Christmas.

What is the true meaning of christmas, Alfred?"

"The true meaning of Christmas is about celebration. The celebration of the birth of Christ. It's about giving, not receiving. Yet people seem to instill in their children's minds that Santa comes every year to drop off gifts for them, eat a cookie or two and have a swallow of milk. That's just not what it's all about."

The reindeer, too, are supporting Alfred in his quest to bring back the true meaning of Christmas. Rudolph said, "We refuse to fly Santa's sleigh on the eve of Christmas until everybody realizes what Christmas is all about."

But all is not lost for the Christmas of '87. If the demands of the elves and the reindeer are met, they will continue Christmas for this year, and many more to come

Send letters

"All we ask are some letters be sent to the North Pole, stating in them not only the lists of wants by the children, but what each child would like to give, if possible, to his parents for Christmas" Alfred said. "We feel the child should also tell Santa why we celebrate Christmas each year."

Albert the Elf, Alfred's brother, had this to say, "We don't want to ruin anything for anyone, we just feel that Christmas should not become a time of greed. If it does, then the children of the world have the wrong idea about Christmas."

Santa was very agreeable. "It's not really much to ask from the children, stating the true meaning of Christmas. It will teach them not only the aspect of receiving at Christmas time, but how to give as well. They will also realize why we celebrate Christmas year after year."

Well, with Christmas just a few short weeks away, the letters should start flowing into Santa Claus, right, kids?

Wouldn't it be a shame if Christmas were cancelled JUST because the children of the world didn't even know why we really celebrate Christmas?

It's Ho-Ho-Ho time

Photo by Brian McLaughlin

O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum

Brightly-lit Christmas trees populate St. Catharines city hall and a full moon reminds passers-by of the universality of sharing and peace. **Photo by Sharon Andres**

Hotel club prepares dinner

Planning and preparation are well under way for the Mardi Gras dinnner and dance by the hotel and restaurant students.

This year, the evening will boast a four-piece New Orleans-Dixie jazz band which will play during the dinner. "We decided to try something a little different this year," hotel club president Mark Madsen said. There will be a DJ for the dance following the dinner.

The annual dinner will be held on Saturday Jan. 23, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Niagara Falls. Tickets for the affair are $22.

Second-year student Rose Ippolito, head chef for the event, has a tantalizingly spicy menu planned. Traditional Louisiana and New Orleans dishes will be featured.

"The Mardi Gras is very festive and extravagant," Mark said. He is on the decoration committee as well as being treasurer. "Planning for decorations is going full tilt."

Cocktails will be served from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. "We hope to sell all 200 tickets," Mark said."There may even be a small profit this year, although that is not our main concern."

Door prizes donated by local businesses, will be awarded after the dinner.

These dinners involve an incredible amount of work," Mark said, "but we have a great time."

Vandalism at Hort Centre, LASA students patrol

Two law and security students have been hired to patrol the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines during the night in attempts to stop vandalism and class disturbances.

Kirk MacDonald, SAC vice president of athletics, and Blake Rankie, two second-year students, were hired last week after Jim Thomson, horticultural technician, contacted LASA instructor Ron Shaidle to tell him about the dilemma at the centre.

Windows have been smashed, graffiti painted on walls and the youths responsible have been disturbing classes at night and on the weekends, Kirk said. They have also tried to set a shed on fire.

There have been no problems since Kirk and Blake started working last week.

Going by the description of several people at the centre, the people responsible seem to be between 10 and 15.

"They have been giving one teacher in particular a hard time," Mr. Thomson said. "There have been numerous complaints about them and windows have had to be replaced three or four times."

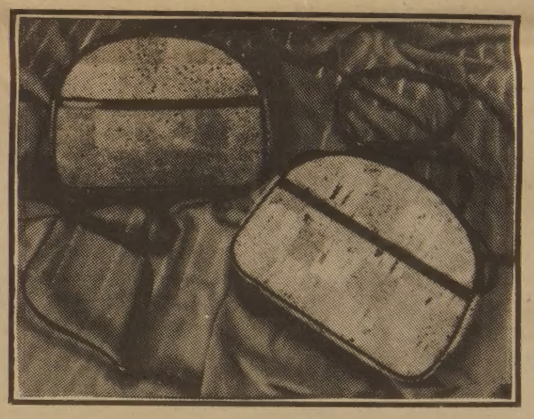
This problem has been going on for "a few months" and Mr. Thomson said he did not know why students were not hired sooner. "We figured the police could handle it, but they were always called after the fact."

If the youths are caught, the police and their parents will be notified. "I do not know how long the students will work here, but the longer they do, the better chance we will have of catching these youths and putting a stop to this," Mr. Thomson said.

Happy New Year

Players 1
your ticket to good times...
Food & Spirits
MERRY CHRISTMAS
NIAGARA COLLEGE
It's our gift to you.
Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights from now till Jan.1st

99¢
WING SPECIAL!
Simply present your student ID Card and receive a regular order of chicken wings for just 99 cents. (eat in only)
From 8pm to midnight.
Lincoln Plaza, Welland, Ontario, Telephone: 735-5550



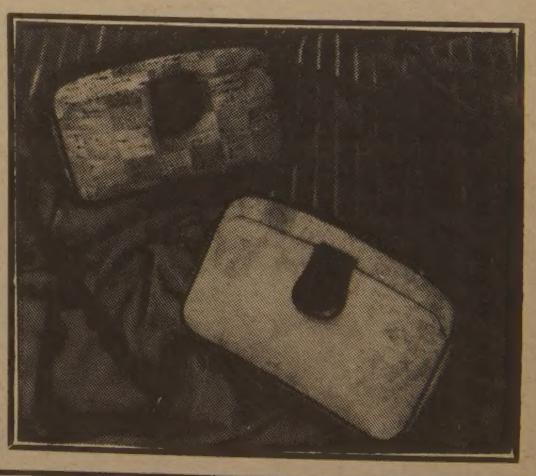
MARIUS ENTERPRISES
import-export
14 Terrace Ave.,
Welland,
Ontario. L3C 2C4

CONCEPTS IN CORK

Briefcases, Purses, Handbags, Key Chains, all made from soft and pliable CORK LEATHER.

Individual and Group Presentations Available

Phone
1-416-788-2635



Tuck's Jewellers Ltd.
Gifts= China= Silverware

DIAMONDS, PENS
WATCHES, CLOCKS,
ETC.

10 CLARENCE ST.
PORT COLBORNE, ONT.
TELEPHONE: (416) 834-3823

Page 3

DIANE WILSON

IVAR NOREN

PATTI BARAN

Niagara's Olympic torch carriers

Christmas Eve

The glow from the Olympic torch flame will be seen Dec. 24 in Brantford carried by one of Niagara College's own students.

Diane Wilson, 20, enrolled in the dental assistant program, will be one of the thousands of Canadians taking part in the making of history by carrying the Olympic torch. Originally from Georgetown, she is now from Brantford.

"I am honored and excited," Diane said. "I have been trying not to think about it, or I will get nervous."

The Olympic torch began its travels across Canada Nov. 17 in St. John's Newfoundland.

EARLY START

The five-foot-seven blonde is one of 80 runners carrying the torch. Her day will begin early in the morning as she and 79 others dressed in Olympic attire prepare for the torch relay. The first runner will begin in Clarkson, Ont., followed by the other runners — and admirerers — watching from cars and trucks.

Earlier this year, Petro Canada handed out forms to those interested in carrying the torch. The names of applicants were stored in Petro Canada's legal firm's computer. Diane waited about a month for her reply.

Although the names were picked randomly, it is an "honor just the same," she said.

Diane feels confident about making the one-kilometre run, because she runs two or three times a week and carries a one-kilogram weight trying to get an idea of what the torch may feel like.

Stories written by
SHARON ANDRES
and
BARBARA HORNING

'Share the flame'

Ivar Noren will "share the flame" with thousands of people as he carries the Olympic torch for one kilometre in Thorold Dec. 27.

"I submitted a total of 30 entries for that one day. It was a random draw and I was one of the lucky ones," Mr. Noren, chairman of mathematics, office administration and part-time studies, said.

"I am very involved with amateur sports, especially rowing," and so it is "more than a fleeting interest to participate."

Mr. Noren is active in the South Niagara Rowing Association and is treasurer for the Canadian Rowing Association. He is also a certified cross-country ski instructor.

Mr. Noren applied for the chance to run in the historic event in February and March and was notified this summer. He had to correctly answer a mathematical skill-testing question before he was officially accepted by the Olympic committee as a torch bearer.

He can be seen running on Highway 20 from Cataract Road to Hurricane Road for a distance of one kilometre at about 2:40 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27.

Mr. Noren was given good preparation instructions, and practises by running "a couple of kilometres every second night."

He carries a mallet while running because "a three-pound torch does have a great effect on your running" and it can be a tough physical strain, "but," he said with a gleam of determination in his eyes, "I will do it."

It is "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and it's a heck of an opportunity for me."

Of the 6,000 or 7,000 participants Mr. Noren hopes he will be one of 80 chosen to particiapte in the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary.

Boxing Day run

Patti Baran, radio and television student, will become part of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games being held 2,000 miles away in Calgary.

The 32-year-old resident of St. Catharines will be one of the many runners chosen to carry the Olympic torch in the Niagara Peninsula, on Boxing Day, Dec. 26. The torch is expected to reach St. Catharines after its journey from Stoney Creek. Patti will carry the torch for her one-kilometre run before handing it to the next runner, who will hand it to the next, and so on and so on... until it reaches its next destination — Fort Erie.

"With all those people lined up on the street cheering," Patti said, "it will be exciting and the adrenalin will keep people going."

Patti was impressed by Petro Canada's way of choosing the runners — randomly — because she felt it eliminated unnecessary discrimination against people's ethnic background, status, or physical handicaps.

She laughed as she told about a woman who had a baby a day before her turn. The Olympic Torch Relay Committee let her carry the torch, as she wheeled her way down the street in a wheelchair.

Christmas shopping

A shopping trip to Toronto's Eaton Centre has been organized by the Student Administrative Council for tomorrow.

The round trip coach will leave the Welland Campus at 9 a.m. and leave Toronto by 9 p.m. Ten dollars is required when signing up.

Only .3% increase for Niagara College

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

Niagara College will receive only a .3 per cent increase in provincial funding although the average community college increase is to be six per cent.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said Niagara's increase will be only .3 per cent, based on the funding formula.

She said the increase will have "a negative effect" for the college "when there will probably be a four to five-per-cent increase in salaries, and annual salary and benefits comprise 86 per cent of the total operating grant received."

A funding increase of 6.7 per cent for universities and six per cent,or $37.3 million, for community colleges was announced last month.

ABOUT $57,102 MORE

Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services, said that, according to "simulations" — this means the figures are not yet definite — the college will receive about $57,102 more than last year's total operating grant for funded student post-secondary enrolment of about $19 million. The total college budget projected for 1987-88 was $41,634,586.

He said the funding formula is a distribution mechanism for allocating funds for all community colleges. It involves dividing the total available money by the total number of students (funding units).

Because of the funding formula, some colleges receive a high increase, while others can receive zero, Mr. LaRose said. Geographical location, size and the specific courses offered by a college are factors which are used to determine the number of funding units at each college.

For the last two years, there has been no increase in enrolment at Niagara, whereas, enrolment at other colleges has risen. Consequently, "our share of the pie gets smaller," Mr. LaRose said.

ONLY WAYS

Increased college enrolment, or a review of the funding formula by the ministry are the only ways to increase Niagara's share, he said.

Funding units for each year are derived from enrolment statistics from two years earlier. Based on 1986-87 enrolment figures, the total funding units for 1988-89 will be 3,866.81, a decrease from this year's 4,017.89 figure, Mr. LaRose said.

He said simulations completed for the 1989-90 school year "show us improving. We should receive 2.24 per cent increase." The overall average is about four per cent from across the system, he said.

The funding formula was one issue the college's Board of Governors, internal observer board members and the President's Executive Council planned to discuss with six members of the provincial legislature at a meeting scheduled for Dec. 4.

"We want to make them more aware of how the funding formula affects the college," Miss Robarts said.

Barb Morrison, vice president of external affairs, presents a $500 cheque for the United Way to Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, on behalf of the Student Administrative Council. Mr. Zanutto also sits on the Niagara College United Way Committee.
Photo by Julie DeBruin

SAC elections in February

This year's Student Administrative Council has decided elections for next year's SAC will be held in February.

The reason for this is to give the new executives a better idea of their duties, Darryl Nadeau, Sac president, said. The election will be held Feb. 23 with nominations during the week of Feb. 1 to 5 and campaigning Feb. 8-19.

Business student wins half-year's tuition

The winner of the half a year's tuition from the Dec. 2 pub held at Copperfield's bar in St. Catharines is Don Gibson, a business administration student.

The money for the prize, which was won by entering a draw, was sponsored by Copperfield's. Two college nights were held at the bar on Nov. 21 and 28, and each time a student bought a drink he was given an entry form. The winning student had to be present to win and receive the prize.

The $130 profits from the pub went towards the SAC Christmas Toy Drive, Marlene Winters, SAC bookkeeper, said.

The bus scheduled for the pub night had to be cancelled since only five people showed up to take advantage of it.

Silver Bells swing with jazz

The Niagara College Jazz Band will make Silver Bells Swing as they present their annual Christmas concert Monday Dec. 14 at 7:30 p. m. in the Hamilton Room.

The free concert will feature traditional Christmas as well as nostalgic, swing and Latin music for all ages.

The 19-member band, led by director Laura Thomas, was formed in 1978 through the college's continuing education services and performs music by Canadian composers and arrangers along with its own arrangements throughout the year.

The band released an album in 1985 called On The Move which showcased local talent and the big band sound.

Niagara News

Niagara College,
Woodlawn Road
Welland, Ont.
L3B 5S2
(416) 735-2211

Editor: Donald Wilsack
Assoc. Editor: Brian McLaughlin

D. J. Malone, Publisher
Austin Jelbert, Editor-in-Chief
Barbara Blue, Managing Editor
Eileen Muir, Advertising Manager
Gordon Lawson, Photography Consultant

The Niagara News is a practical lab for the Journalism-Print program, covering the college community and other areas of interest. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the management of the Niagara News or the administration of Niagara College.

Editorials

Christmas is at hand

Christmas offers more than just gifts

Another season to be jolly has come and with it, the seemingly endless barrage of advertising to make people spend, spend, spend.

Messages of peace, happiness and goodwill are intertwined with thank you for your patronage from multi-million dollar corporations. What could be better than an event that occurred more than 2,000 years ago to be exploited in the name of profit.

They seem to think that their suggestions for that perfect gift have something to do with the birth of Christ. They appeal on an emotional level; people are made to feel that they have an obligation to fulfil by not disappointing family members.

A financial and emotional strain accompanies this time of year, and it seems to be a result of outside influences.

People must look at the Christmas season and observe what is happening around them and to them.

Does the amount of money spent on a gift represent how much a person loves another? People seem to fall into this trap and unfortunately, it is a result of Christmas becoming a business enterprise within itself.

Are people friendlier this time of year in the spirit of the season or because it is expected of them? A time of year or a TV commercial should not be required to instil the thought of acknowledging another person's existence.

If everyone would try, it is possible that what everyone is told at Christmas could become something that is conveyed year round. Every man, woman and child deserves peace, love and freedom; these things are priceless yet cost nothing.

It is easy to get caught up in the ways of modern Christmas and very hard to escape. But the greatest gift people can give is not found in any store; they can give more of themselves and it will last forever.

Donald Wilsack

Faith is universal

For one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight years, a message has been borne. It weathered through the battles of the Crusades from 1096-1271 in which the Moslem defences were just as righteous as crusading attempts to conquer in the name of Christianity. It was majestically heightened in Raphael's creation Betrothal of the Virgin; it was passed onwards through the Renaissance era. And it suffered with the extermination of millions of Jews under the butcherous expansion of Nazi totalitarianism during World War II.

Throughout the universality we envisage as history, one thing stands clear: God, Jehovah, Allah, whatever religious division we entitle Him, is the single centre of our whole universe. People have fought for Him; people have died for Him.

Humanists and atheistic scientists may argue otherwise saying there is no earthly scientific evidence as proof. But, for those who believe, even not 100 per cent convinced at this time, He stands over all.

On the eve of celebrating this birthday, with this week's summit between superpowers showing promise of lessening the likelihood of nuclear war, remember that the "peace" Christ Jesus is referring to is the realization that those who "truly" believe, never-ending, will immigrate to the universality of peace. How many of us will spend Christmas thinking about the gift that He is offering us, and progress within His luminescence?

There is only one message, one peace, that which is given as a gift through faith in God. That is the meaning of Christmas! He offers His love; he sends His son for us all.

He suffered for you. Will you suffer this Christmas for Him? This year on Christmas Eve, or during the lighting of the Menorah, or in the peaceful hour of contemplating the prophet Mohammed, allow yourself time in His peace. Time to belong to any religion. Immigrate! To be a Christian — is to be a Jew — is to be a Moslem — is to belong to any of the world's religions. Let's not let the weakness of human logic lock us out from His omnipresence. To be alone, is not to be alone.**Brian McLaughlin**

Letters

Big Brothers like story

Dear Brian (Brian McLaughlin):

That was a very touching article you wrote for us (focus on Big Brothers, Nov. 27). It certainly came form the heart.

Hopefully, it will stir the heartstrings of some of your readers....if not this month then maybe down the road.

Carolyn Stace-McParlan,
Caseworker.
Big Brothers of South Niagara Inc.

Ottawa trip needs name

Dear Editor:

This letter of proposal is concerning the yearly trip to Ottawa directed by Eugene Maltais.

As a second-year student, I have heard much about this "Never to be forgotten" trip. And so I decided to see just what all the fuss was about.

Fuss, did I say? Well, it's far from fuss. Mr. Maltais always works hard in everything he does. As a teacher, much time and energy goes into every class and as a tour organizer, he is to be commended.

Students from all courses go on this "Ottawa Trip" planned every year for 12 years now. It's a great way to see our Nations's Capital and actually see just what Mr. Maltais talks about in Politics. (THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE) as quoted by Mr. Clarke, a member of parliament we met in Ottawa. And we all thought Maltais made it up!

So, as you can see, such a great educational experience and social event needs a name. I mean 12 years of "Ottawa Trip" PLEASE!

Such a thing should not go nameless!

TOUR d'OTTAWA

Yes, Tour d'Ottawa would give it just that little spark it needs to appeal to every passer-by next year when it is advertised.

So, as you can see, it is important that such a name be given to this presently nameless (how do you say Ottawa Trip).

Ask around, take a poll it will always come up the same. "Ya, we went to Ottawa, it was great." They will agree "Tour d'Ottawa" is the only name.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this topic, I will be awaiting some response.

Kathy Morgan
L A S A

Two members join B of G

Two positions on the Board of Governors—one francophone and one labor external member—have been filled, while names of three nominees to fill a third vacancy have been submitted to the Council of Regents, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Anne Audet-Siewert, from Welland, is the francophone representative. She replaces Annette Lemelin, who resigned from the board last spring.

Patricia Poirier, the new labor representative, is from St. Catharines and replaces John Chamelot, who was elected to the board last January and resigned in March when he moved out of the area.

A replacement for Alex Elliott, former chairman, is still undecided. Mr. Elliott served the maximum six-year term as an external board member and had his term extended one year. Names of three nominees to replace him have been submitted to the Council of Regents.

"We won't hear about a decision until January," Miss Robarts said. She expects Mr. Elliott's replacement will be decided in time for the Jan. 28 regular board meeting.

External board members are appointed by the Council of Regents from recommendations submitted by colleges or municipaltiies.

Thanks to all

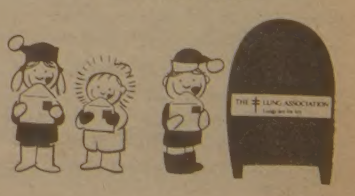
Dear Editor:

On behalf of the students who went on the class trip to Ottawa this year, we want to thank Mr. Maltais for organizing the trip. Also a big thank-you to Grant Stewart for representing the students so well on official occasions.

Once again thanks to all who made this trip a memorable time.

Susan Tanchak
Human Relations

Before you send it, seal it... with a Christmas Seal!



Focus On War Toys

Rambo meets untimely death in combat with Lady Lovely

By SHARON ANDRES
Staff Writer

Elisa and Michelle are both 10 years old and they have the same Christmas wish: clothes. Scott, 9, wants a remote control skateboard and his pal, Brad, wants an Alf. A six-year-old boy wants Grubby, a companion to last year's best-selling toy, Teddy Ruxpin.

There is no problem with their wishes. But some other toys are causing public concern: such toys as Rambo and the GI Joe line of Sgt. Slaughter's Renegades, "war toys."

"I find it strange how people can celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace at Christmas by giving away war toys," Niagara English teacher Jennie Griffiths said.

In a Voice of Women news letter Dr. Arnold Goldstein, director of the Centre for Research on Aggression, said, "Playing with war toys makes violent behavior and increases the chance that they will resort to violent behavior."

Sexist

Toys are sexist, racist (because the enemy is often depicted as jungle-dwelling guerrillas), and promote and glorify violence, the news letter said. War toys also conscript children into military mentality before they are able to comprehend the realities and horrors of war.

If kids are given toy weapons to play with, "the psychological effect on them as teenagers is that weapons are OK," Mrs. Griffiths said. "War toys reinforce thoughts that war and violence are OK."

War toys are sexist, the VOW newsletter said, because they are marketed as boys' toys which strongly reinforce sexual stereotyping.

Kay Davis, manager of Toymart in St. Catharines Pen Centre, said the top-selling boys items include Ghostbusters, GI Joe and the new high-tech program called Captain Power that enables children to shoot at enemies and receive "hits" from them on television.

Keypers, a stuffed character into which a small child can store and lock treasures, the Lady Lovely Locks doll line and Barbie and JEM are the top-selling toys for girls.

Lady Lovely Locks dolls are sweet, sugary and dressed in the best Cinderella finery. JEM comes with an assortment of characters that are "good and bad." Meanwhile Rambo and GI Joe are dressed in their military gear and armed with all sorts of arsenal.

An imitation Uzi, a fully-automatic machine gun, is also available. The marketing on the label pictures Sylvester Stallone as Rambo, pectorals bared save for a chain of ammunition slung across his chest, holding a Uzi.

"Rambo is the most violent toy we carry," Mrs. Davis said. "I never liked it, but you know kids. The owner didn't want to get violent toys in the store but so many people asked for them."

Mrs. Davis said the demand for Rambo characters and accessories is dying off and they are gradually being phased out of Toymart's inventory.

An employee of the Yellow Brick Road in St. Catharines said they have some guns and Captain Power but 95 per cent of their sales are Fisher Price toys. "War toys aren't racist or sexist. I and all the guys in my neighborhood grew up with guns and we're all OK."

Dr. Goldstein said, "The degree that youngsters are learning to take pleasure from aggression decreases their ability to learn empathy, negotiation and co-operation."

Robin Loewen, owner of The Joy of Toys, refuses to sell any war toys. "I personally don't feel they are a necessary tool for the child's development and growth." She said the annual Toy Report, issued by the Canadian Toy Testing Council which rates toys perceived to involve violence, carried an article stating that children will naturally play cops and robbers and make a gun with their finger. This is normal behavior but children do not need encouragement from toys. All the toys she carries are educational and safe.

Soft

Mrs. Davis said that Toymart sells more soft toys — toys that do not instil or incorporate violence — than war toys. Rambo and Masters of the Universe are being phased out, she said, but the store was still at least one-third full of toys incorporating violence in one form or another.

The VOW newsletter suggests that parents ease the violence on television by watching programs, especially cartoons, with their children. Cartoon characters are often the same as toys. An excessive amount of violence can be found in cartoons such as GI Joe, Rambo and even Bugs Bunny and Wile E. Coyote.

Nov. 28 was Boycott War Toys Day and was observed by leaflet distribution in Toronto toy stores.

The annual Toy Report does not rate violent toys but they recommended that parents buy their children Kenner's Ghostbuster Ghostzapper, which projects ghostly images on any flat surface which can be zapped away with a gun, and Mattel's Master of the Universe Multi-Bot.

Toys and games magazine rated the most popular Christmas toys as GI Joe, wrestling figures, Alphie II, Ghostbusters, Barbie, Popples and My Little Pony.

However, all four-year-old David wants for Christmas is "my Christmas tree up real soon."

Generous club grants in new SAC budget

By JULIE DEBRUIN
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council plans to be more generous in its club grants and student activities but plans to cut spending on pubs.

Their 1987-88 budget was passed at the Nov. 30 meeting, but it will be examined monthly and may be revised at any time, Ralph Rittner, vice president of finance, said. He stressed that all figures are approximations.

SAC expects a total of about $263,000 for the fiscal year which began last April 1. The largest expense is allotments which total $111,077. This includes $13,124 for satellite campuses which receive $25 per student. Athletics receive $74,789 or $25 per student, up $2 from last year. The orientation fund receives $2 per student up from last year's $1 or $6,298. Club grants will increase to $170 per semester up from last year's $162.50 for a total of $3,740.

LESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Athletic sponsorship for next year is set at $1,000 while the money made last year for this year is $1,255. SAC is awarding four $300 athletic scholarships next term. This money comes from the hockey game set up in the main cafeteria. But SAC expects to make only $1,000 this year because the game wasn't hooked up for the first six weeks of school, Kirk MacDonald, vice president of athletics, said.

Ralph is happy with the budget. "I think it's a fair budget. It could have been tighter (fewer expenses) but I had to keep telling myself this is a non-profit organization."

He hopes to have $13,743 left at the end of March for next year's SAC. "It's a safety cushion," Ralph explained; "money doesn't come in until the winter term because it has to be audited and the administration has to go through it first."

This year's pub expense is slated for $7,000, down from last year's $8,720. He feels that "last year's SAC went a little overboard." The idea is to break even on pubs but last year's pubs lost $1,013.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Special activities, which include lunch time entertainment in the cafeteria, are up $359 to $9,500.

Orientation expense was cut drastically, from last year's $14,643 to $2,435 because they still have the SAC T-shirts, pens and other paraphernalia left over from last year. This year, SAC decided to go with student handbooks only.

Athletics will be getting more money from allotments. This money goes towards athletic functions, volleyball and hockey equipment, use of the gym and arena and the workout room, Ralph said.

SAC has more money to work with this year because student fees, where most of their money comes from, went up $10 this year from $60 to $70.

Yearbook revenue is remaining the same, $3,494, which is made up from selling advertising space. The expense is $13,900 up from $13,822.

However, the academic affairs committee of the Board of Governors stated in their minutes, "Expenditures for the yearbook for the current year are expected to be lower than shown in the statement as the Council has reverted to the practice of selling more advertising for this publication."

The budget has also set aside $12,000 for legal fees, in case SAC needs legal advice, Ralph explained. Insurance has also increased to $5,000. The academic affairs committee stated the reason was "attributed to the need for increased protection as recommended by the carrier."

LASA graduate to protect PM

A graduate from the law and security program, who previously worked as a security guard has been promoted to security detective on Parliament Hill.

Const. Gilles Gervais, 23, is a native of Welland. The new 18-month position requires him to take firearms training. He will be surveying the House of Commons and protecting the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

Mr. Gervais applied for the security job after graduation in 1984, but was turned down due to inexperience. After a year of bylaw enforcement work in Welland, he was hired in Ottawa.

He said he enjoys living in Ottawa. "It is a nice clean town." He comes to Welland once or twice a month to visit his parents.

Mr. Gervais is engaged to Sue Somers, a graduate of Niagara College tourism program who is working for Ottawa White Water Rafting.

Chairman of Regents to visit college

For the first time, a chairman of the Council of Regents will be coming to Niagara College specifically to meet with its representatives, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. Dr. Charles Pascal will visit the college from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 7.

"He wants to spend a day in each college so he can get to know them," Miss Robarts said. At Niagara, he will meet with various groups, including the President's Executive Council, the Board of Governors, students and staff.

Dr. Pascal was appointed Council of Regents chairman on Sept. 1, 1987, replacing Laura Barr, who was acting chairman for about one year. He is the former president of Sir Sandford Fleming college in Peterborough.

On Jan. 7, Dr. Pascal will meet with PEC at 9 a.m., and with the academic officers committee at 10:30 a.m. He will lunch with the Student Administrative Council and St. Catharines Student Senate executives, followed by a visit to a classroom or laboratory class and a tour of some of the highlights of the Welland campus. At 2:30 p.m., a discussion with OPSEU, Locals 242 and 243, and administrative staff association executives is planned.

An Issues Forum for all college staff who with to attend will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the main cafeteria in the Black Walnut building.

Dr. Pascal will have dinner with the Board of Governors at 5:30 p.m., and attend the academic affairs committee meeting at 7 p.m.

The January visit will not be Dr. Pascal's first visit to the college. On Nov. 4, he spoke to a group of new advisory committee members from the school of business on the future of the college system.

United Way

$500 SAC donation brings goal closer

By JULIE DEBRUIN
Staff Writer

A $500 cheque from SAC has brought this year's United Way goal of $18,500 closer, but the college is still about $2,000 short.

Donations have climbed steadily since 1981 when the college contributed $8,250 to $17,491 last year, Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, said. He has been a member of the Niagara College United Way Committee for six years.

Per capita, Niagara College donates more than twice the amounts of the Niagara South Board of Education and the Welland County Separate School Board — $34 per faculty member in 1986, Mr. Zanutto said.

One reason for the positive response is that staff members can contribute through pay roll deductions. He feels the faculty prefers this system because it is confidential.

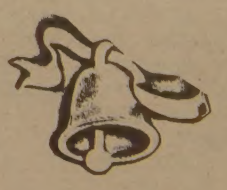
98 PER CENT

"About 98 per cent of the money comes from staff payroll deductions," Mr. Zanutto said. The other two per cent comes from special events like the Apple A Day for the United Way Campaign which was held in October.

"Events like that are good to raise the United Way profile."

The Welland branch of the United Way supports 35 agencies including Big Brothers, Family Counselling, Port Colborne Meals on Wheels and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

There is a greater need at this time of the year, Faye Owen, executive director of the Welland United Way Branch, said. Two reasons are the cold weather — "People get behind on their utility bills," — and Christmas because people tend to spend more.



Entertainment

The cast of the Theatre Centre's first production of the season, A Christmas Carol, assembled at the Theatre Centre's Empire Street campus for the opening performance Dec. 9. The cast included Niagara College teacher Tom Crawford in the lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge. Valerie Grabove, coordinator of the theatre program, directed the production that will also be performed at the Brock University Playhouse. **Photo by Gordon Lawson**

Scrooge visits Theatre Centre

ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Theatre Centre's 1987/88 season got off to a splendid start with the first production of the season, A Christmas Carol which opened Dec. 9 at the Empire Street theatre.

Dickens' classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge's visit by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future is brought to life by a well-assembled cast that dramatically, and, at times, comically, makes apparent the wretchedness of one man's disregard for the season. The script was adopted by Duncan McGregor.

Tom Crawford is excellent as the miserable, money-hungry Mr. Scrooge. Mr. Crawford, who is coordinator of the chemical engineering program at the college, gives a frighteningly realistic performance of a man untouched by the spirit of the season.

Presence

Equally noteworthy is Al Collette whose strong presence on stage is felt in each of the three roles he portrays. Mr. Collette brings a touch of humor to the role of the cheery and ever optimistic Bob Cratchit. Though the victim of Mr. Scrooge's continual abuse, Mr. Cratchit finds it in himself, or the spirit of the season, to drink a toast to his undeserving employer.

Mr. Collette also brings comic splendor to his portrayal of dancing Mr. Fezziwig. Though this is a smaller role, Mr. Collette comes across well and seems to relay to his audience that he truly enjoys what he is doing.

The innovative set, designed by set designer Rod Hillier and assistant set designer Drew Rabbetts, consists of life-sized Christmas presents that are used to house the appropriately humble and delicately lit settings.

Moralizing

Colorful costumes contribute to the spirit of the play's festive theme, a theme enhanced by dancing and singing throughout the show.

The haunting and moralizing spirits are portrayed as both solemn and rambunctious. Marley's ghost, though twisted and crippled in form, was portrayed by Bill Plummer with grace and realism.

The direction of program coordinator Valerie Grabove had eerie ghosts popping out all over, much to the delight of the audience of elementary school children.

Together the spirits force Mr. Scrooge to come to grips with his own mortality and face the consequences of his greed.

Supporting cast members included Benn Randy, Liz Baletto, Jeff Dineen, Shae Marie Casner and Shelly Seeley.

The show continues at the Theatre Centre today. It will also run at Brock Playhouse in St. Catharines from Dec. 15 to Dec. 18. Ticket prices are $3.50 for matinees and $3.50 and $4.50 for evening shows.

Centre to be one-storey

Niagara College's $6-million tourism and hospitality centre will be a single-storey building. The decision was made at a planning meeting held Dec. 3.

"We looked at the seven acres of land and...felt a one-storey (building) would be easier for students and staff to use," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. "It will also be slightly less costly because their won't be stairs or elevators." Having the building on one floor means it will be more adaptable for the handicapped.

Last month, the Flemming-Baker architect firm of St. Catharines was chosen from among eight architects and four design/build contractors to design the new centre, to be built on college-owned property in Niagara Falls. The college received $6-million from the ministry last summer for the new building. Construction is scheduled to begin no later than July 1, 1988 and the building is expected to be ready for students by September 1989, Miss Robarts has said.

The architect firm has been working with the design committee to develop a preliminary sketch plan. "We won't have definite sketchings until the middle of January," Miss Robart said.

Secrets of the past plague family reunion

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

It is an unfortunate reality of life that families often grow apart. Change often causes members to lose touch with each other. This was the case in Press Theatre's production of The Ivy Room. Written by actress — turned — playwright Laurie Fyffe, and David Jacklin, The Ivy Room tells of a family whose past finally catches up to the present. The mystery-thriller is set in a Victorian mansion in small southern Ontario town.

When Katherine, portrayed by Barbara Von Radecki, returns to her Aunt Melissa's house for a family reunion, she is instructed to sleep in the bedroom once occupied by her deceased cousin, Amelia.

Together with her boyfriend David, Jean Daigle, Katherine gets caught up in the frenzy that results from her stay and besets the week-long reunion. The mansion's occupants include Walter, Guy Sanvido, the permanent gardener and old family friend; and Sally, Nancy Roberts, daughter of Aunt Melissa's housekeeper. The family members argue, joke, remember old times and old promises, and examine the generation gap. All the while, deception and evil breeds.

Barbara Von Radecki is convincing as the strong, independent and unassuming Katherine attempting to come to grips with old family wounds. Jean Daigle is less notable and appears infrequently for such a significant part. The couple fight to keep their sanity intact within the turbulent household.

The supporting roles are strongly portrayed by Guy Sanvido and Nancy Roberts. Mr. Sanvido is delightful as the kindly, older head of the household. To his guests, he is courteous and friendly. In private, he is both nervous and manipulating.

Miss Roberts gives a splendid performance as the shy, awkward, and eerie young Sally. She easily convinces her audience that Sally sees all, and knows much more.

Things take a turn for the worse when the family's evils — past and present — turn to tales of terror, insanity and lost love.

Philippe Ayoub portrays Katherine's brother, Edward. Mr. Ayoub's passionate performance as the troubled young man is the most memorable of the evening.

The play falls short in a few areas. One is the direction. Some blocking strategies are easily given away by the actors, removing intensity from their performance and from the atmosphere. In one incident, the appearance of an abandoned wheelchair brought unexpected laughter from the audience, destroying the scene's dramatic significance.

The simple set consisted of one bedroom, suitably decorated for Victorian taste, and enhanced by eloquent lighting and special effects.

Those seated closest to the stage observed not only the visual movement of the play's haunted spirit, but were able to hear the actress's voice over the ghost's tape recorded crying. Newcomer Michaela Truscott portrayed the restless apparition.

The Ivy Room is the story of a family unable to escape the consequences of its past. If anything, it should make its viewers a little more appreciative of their own family "reunions."

AIDS
CHLAMYDIA
GONORRHEA
HERPES
SYPHILIS

Five of the catchiest words in the English language

Now they're everywhere.

Not just the words. The diseases too.

But there are three things you can do about these five words.

Firstly, you can abstain from sexual activity altogether.

However, if you are sexually active, you should know about the second thing; condoms.

Condoms are the contraceptive that medical authorities recognize as the most effective way to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases.

We make condoms.

In fact, we've helped to make their manufacture the high technology business it is today. Because we believe that sexually active people need protection they can trust. Now they need it more than ever.

The third thing you can do is to educate yourself. Talk to your doctor. Ask at your local clinic. Or go right to the top.

Contact the Canadian Public Health Association at 1335, Carling Avenue, Suite 210, Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 8B8.

They'll tell you that about one million cases of sexually transmitted diseases are diagnosed every year. And they'll give you the best available advice on how to avoid becoming a statistic.

It comes down to three simple things.

Abstinence. The condom. Education.

Nothing else makes sense.

The Commonsense Condoms

Published in your interest by Canada's leading condom manufacturer, Julius Schmid of Canada Ltd., makers of Ramses and Sheik, the commonsense condoms.

Julius Schmid of Canada Ltd.
Scarborough, Ontario M1R 2T8

Entertainment

Peninsula Seven enjoy painting from inspiration

By GORD WILSON
Staff Writer

Colorful paintings in watercolors and oils of the Peninsula Seven are on display at the Hennepin Gallery until Dec. 19. From left, Betty Beaudin, Liisa Harju, Helen Palmer, Jacqueline Damato, Eileen Pettigrew and Mary Prittie. Madeline Fregren was absent. They are all residents of the Niagara peninsula who met while studying life drawing with Ken Cosgrove at Niagara College.
Photo by Gordon Wilson

The easy flow of water colors and whatever inspires them at the moment are two of the main elements in the work of the Peninsula Seven on display at the art gallery in Hennepin Hall.

The Peninsula Seven is formed by Liisa Harhu, Mary Prittie, Betty Beaudin, Eileen Pettigrew, Helen Palmer, Jacqueline Damato and Madeline Fregren.

The seven women met while studying Life Drawing with Ken Cosgrove at Niagara College. Finding that they shared a serious commitment to art as a lifelong discipline, and respect for one another's work they formed a group in 1982, for the purpose of showing their work together.

Mrs. Prittie likes painting live things. "I'm into anything that moves," she said. She enjoys painting on the spot, "capturing the feeling of the subject matter."

She terms her work impressionistic. "It's not what I put in my work, it's what I leave out."

Last year Mrs. Prittie was accepted into the Ontario Society of Artists in Toronto.

Mrs. Harju likes to keep her work fresh. "One has to try different mediums and keep in working. Whatever I'm doing at the moment, I like best," she said.

Mrs. Pettigrew likes to work with "whatever inspires me for the moment," she said. "I like to look for different things. I can't stay with one style."

Her painting of an orange flower is so large that the viewer feels very close to it, or as if standing right in it. It's as if the flower has been magnified.

Mrs. Beaudin always wanted to paint; watercolors are her favorite medium and flowers one of her favorite subjects. "People seem to enjoy flowers," she said.

Mrs. Damato likes the freedom of watercolor and the control of pen and ink. "I like watercolor with an emphasis on design," she said.

Born and educated in Toronto, she received a BA in English language and literature with a minor in art and archeology at the University of Toronto.

Mrs. Palmer likes pottery and sculpting. She completed the ceramics course at Mohawk College and operates her own studio working in stoneware and porcelain.

Mrs. Fregren was born in Edmonton and moved to Port Colborne in 1978. She enrolled in the Fine Arts option at Niagara College and has studied under Ken Cosgrove for five years. She has exhibited at the Hennepin Gallery four times and at the Port Colborne Club. Since 1978, she has sold to private collections.

The seven women met while studing Life Drawing with Mr. Cosgrove at Niagara. Finding that they shared a serious commitment to art as a lifelong discipline, and respect for one another's work, they formed a group in 1982 for the purpose of showing their work together. "It was at his decision that we got together," Mrs. Harju said.

Mrs.Damato said there is "nothing like Mr. Cosgrove's course in the peninsula." She said a high percentage of his students go on to the Ontario College of Art, and the fine arts course at Niagara prepares people for a professional art life.

Newsletter published by SAC

SAC FACTS, a newsletter to promote Student Administrative Council activities, was published Wednesday.

Barb Morrison, vice president of external affairs, said the paper will come out every two weeks with planned college activites.

Everyone at SAC is contributing, Barb said. "We called the satellite campuses for ideas as well."

ATARI PERSONAL COMPUTERS

ATARI 520 ST

-512K Memory Keyboard
-354 Single-Side Disk Drive
-2 Button Mouse
-Basic Language
Choice of colour or monochrone monitor

ATARI 1040 ST

-1 MEG (100K) Memory Keyboard
-Built in Double-Sided Disk Drive
-2 Button Mouse
-Basic Language
Choice of colour or monochrome monitor.

Atari and Rahams offer an Educational Discount to Niagara College Students.

For details on our Discount Policy, visit our store downtown St. Catharines at 223 St. Paul Street.

Monday to Saturday: 9am-5:30pm
Friday:9am-9pm
Phone: 682-7243

Raham's J.M. RAHAM LTD

Raham's J.M. RAHAM LTD

Merry Christmas

Native Christmas celebration centres on New Year's Day

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

Among the Six Nations, Christmas has only been celebrated for the past few decades. Partial assimilation into non-native society is responsible for contemporary natives celebrating Christmas.

The New Year has always been a holiday for the people of the Six Nations. The children of each household set out early in the morning on New Year's Day to wish each family a good new year by shouting, "New Yah...New Yah."

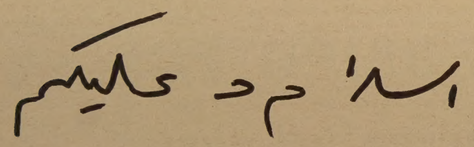
Each household had a treat of some kind to give to the children to thank them for their good wishes. The children went around the neighborhood until noon, after that the New Year was considered fully in.

The people took pride in making the best baked goods they could come up with to give to the children. It never failed that the homes with the best cooks would see the most children.

Christmas has been adopted by most families now. With television so prevalent among all the homes, it was easier to adopt the holiday than explain why it was not celebrated. Many families have converted to Christianity and have given up the old, traditional ways. However, there are some children who do not learn about Christmas until they go to school.

The New Year celebration has begun to fade. In recent years, there are not as many children going from house to house. The people do not take as much pride in baking goodies for the "New Yah Kids." Now it is more common for the children to receive a candy cane or an apple.

Christmas celebrations have begun to take over for the New Year celebration. It won't be long before there are no more "New Yah Kids."



Peace be within you

"A sallamo alekom!" This, a Moslem greeting, means, "May peace be within you."

Mustafa Erghig of Libya, a second-year electronics student, said in Islamic faith this holiday season has no significant meaning for him. But he does celebrate the heightening of the yearly cycle with Ramadan (the fast).

"We have our own calendar," he said. Under the Islamic system it follows the lunar monthly cycle, and thus falls within a different period every year.

During the 29 or 30 days of Ramadan, Moslems apply self-discipline and humanitarian goodwill to others. "You try not to hurt others."

Ramadan has two main purposes. First, for mere physical condition, it allows the body to rest one month a year—giving the digestive system a break. Secondly "it makes you, for one month, feel aware of those that are hungry all year round."

Following Ramadan Moslems celebrate "aete", which means "the eat." During this they feast, visit friends and wish them "a happy eat." If there is any one they have offended, this is the time to ask forgiveness.

Three months following the "aete", Moslems undertake the pilgrimage to Mecca to gather at "the mountain of Arafat."

This is followed by a feast in which a lamb is killed. "This goes back to Abraham," he said. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son for God but just as he was about to slay him, an angel appeared to present him with a burnt offering.

Lack of snow only difference in Trinidad : Anusjka

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

Though the snowfall that accompanies the long, winter months is not always welcomed with joy, a blanket of crisp, white snow can't help but enhance a Christmas celebration. But, what about those faraway places where tropical forests grow and the air is warm all year round? What is Christmas like there? According to a Niagara College student from Trinidad, the climate is the only real difference.

"The most important difference is that we don't get any snow," Anusjka Van Bergeijk, a third-year theatre student, said.

Anusjka was born in Surinam, South America, but has lived with her family in Trinidad since the age of one. It is in the land where the sun shines all year long and beaches and palm-trees abound that celebration should be underway.

Party

"Trinidadians will use any excuse to party," she said.

Along with many similar Christmas traditions such as getting together with family and friends, Trinidadians eagerly take part in all the pre-Christmas preparations.

"They really go all out for Christmas," Anusjka said. "The malls and shops always have beautiful, enormous decorations."

As is the tradition in most parts of the world, holiday festivities in Trinidad also include many special treats. Some of the holiday favorites include black cake, fruit cake soaked in rum, and pastels. Pastels are made up of a corn meal mix containing ground beef wrapped in banana leaves and boiled in water. She said there should be plenty of "pastels parties" over the holiday.

A Roman Catholic, Anusjka and her family will attend midnight mass on Christmas Eve, and later join a gathering of family and friends.

Family

"It's a good time to bring your family together," she said. "It's a quiet time for family."

As turkey is not as popular in Trinidad as it is in Canada, Anusjka's family will most likely feast on a Christmas ham. And what will they be doing after all the presents have been opened on Christmas morning? Who knows.

A trip to the beach for a Christmas morning swim wouldn't be out of the question. Unfortunately, Anusjka's plans to go home for the holidays depends on the Air Canada strike.

Before enrolling in the technical program at the Theatre Centre, Anusjka attended Guelph University. She enrolled in the college to get suitable and practical experience.

"I've learned a lot," she said. "Things have gone — for myself — really well. On the whole, they have been two very rewarding years."

China

Family togetherness in spring festival

The Chinese do not celebrate what is considered to be the Christian holiday of Christmas, but instead have a January spring festival.

"We have a spring festival according to the solar calendar." said Tang Yan, a visiting instructor from Changsha University in China.

It takes place in mid to late January. It is a time for families to come together to "talk, eat and dance." The festivities begin at about 8 p.m. with fireworks and last until dawn the next day.

"We exchange gifts, but it is more a time to celebrate wishes for everyone." These wishes may include ones of success, happiness and wealth.

"I miss home a lot at this time, the break time," he said. "The atmosphere seems the same as for your Christmas."

Mr. Tang felt that it was unfortunate that holidays like Christmas have become so commercial and no one seems to remember the spiritual side of the holidays.

Memories of back home

By BARBARA HORNING
Staff Writer

As 20-year-old Danilo DiMarco, second-year law and security student, sits and dreams about his homeland, his eyes seem to sparkle, and his face begins to glow. The memories of home, and the happiness he felt come back to mind.

Dan, who now lives in St. Catharines with his mother, father and sister, is happy here, but a piece of him will always remain at home — Abruzzi, Italy.

Some of his memories include the special bond between his family and relatives, walks on the beach, and even the good witch, an old lady named Bonfana.

Presents

Bonfana brings presents on Christmas Day to the Italian people who have been good all year.

Dan, who has lived here since he was eight, celebrates with presents from Baba Natale (Father Christmas). "Presents and decorated trees are not most important to us, but it is a standard here, so we do it."

Dan feels most Canadians, and society in general, have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas and worry too much about gifts, presents, decorations and spending money.

His day begins with midnight mass. "I was brought up Catholic and always will be," he said. "We celebrate Christ's birth."

Then Christmas Day consists of feasting and drinking homemade red Italian wine in celebration.

Although most Canadians are brought up eating butter covered turkey, stuffed with dressing, bright orange squash or yams, creamy mashed potatoes smothered in gravy and cranberries on top, Dan finds this peculiar. He cannot believe turkey is eaten on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Dan's family's eye-appealing feast is prepared from scratch by the women who work for hours.

"Christmas" soup made of turkey, cheese and eggs begins the meal. Rich, homemade pasta is smothered in sauce with meatballs, sausage or chicken.

Shishkebab, a stick loaded to the top with breaded meats sprinkled with lemon juice, is an *appetite-pleaser before the chicken cutlets. Lemon juice is added to the cutlets which are served with mushrooms, salad and peas. What a main course! But, is it the main course?*

Quails? Yes, the tenderly-prepared bird is next on the list. Genovese, a beef meatloaf stuffed with eggs and carrots, is served.

"When the loaf is cut," Dan said, "the yellow, white and orange from the ingredients add color and appeal."

Course number six consists of egg-battered lamb, and last but not least, rabbits (probably shot by Dan) are served.

Fresh, hot, steaming roasted chestnuts are quite the delicacy on Christmas served with the meal.

Food

Panetone, bread stuffed with sweet raisins, is a big part of the tradition as well as — what appears to be the favorite dessert — torone. The one-foot log of chocolate and nuts is surrounded by a thin layer of pastry.

After the feast a trip to Niagara Falls is part of the tradition, to enjoy the sights, but most importantly, "spending time with the family."

Leftovers are reheated in the evening for those who wish to continue feasting. The women play tombola — full card Bingo — or *chiquina — one-line Bingo — for money. The men disappear into a different room to concentrate on* games of poker or euchre.

All-in-all a tradional Christmas Day which Dan enjoys, and hopes will never disappear from his family.

Niagara students tell what Christmas means to them

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

In the welter of crowded shopping malls, the outpouring of the money, the humming of old carols — what is it all about? What is that special Christmas feeling?

Needless to say, there's a lot more to Christmas than Santa Claus and candy canes. It is a time to remember the birth of Christ. A time to recognize compassion and regard for our fellow man is an essential part of our lives. For those Niagara College students who took part in a pre-Christmas survey, Christmas also represents a time for family.

Asked, "What does Christmas mean or represent to you personally?," 75 per cent of the students polled said Christmas represents a time for family to come together.

Ten per cent said Christmas symblolizes a spiritual awakening for them and five per cent said that Christmas represents a time of giving.

One student, Tim, 21, said he feels the commercialization of the season overpowers its real significance.

"It's too commercial," he said. "It's hard to get a personal feeling when you're blasted with the commercialization of Christmas all day long."

Another student, Brian, 26, said Christmas represents an extension of his faith.

"It provides a central focus point," Brian said. "I am proud that I choose to recognize it for what it is."

Almost all of the students surveyed said that they feel "great" or "excellent" during the Christmas season; but, two people said that the holiday season tends to make them feel a bit melancholy. Most said that they are anxiously anticipating the end of term so that they can have a little rest and relaxation.

And what will Niagara College students be up to over the holiday? Most will be at home celebrating with family and friends, and taking part in such traditional activities as eating, drinking and enjoying the season's mirth.

But there has to be more to Christmas than that. Perhaps the true meaning of Christmas does not lie in a temporary feeling of contentment and satisfaction. Perhaps Christmas is not only a time to give thanks for what we have, but to ask ourselves if we are living up to the standards set for us by the man who gave his life for us. Once we've done that and are able to see how far we've come and how far we've yet to go, maybe, just maybe, we will understand what Christmas is all about.

Christmas fasting

The twinkle of a star signals the start of the Christmas celebrations in the Ukraine.

Second-year journalims student Wendy Kudeba said Ukrainians traditionally fast all day on Christmas Eve and start to eat when the first start comes out.

Fasting seems appropriate because the meal that follows is 12 dishes with no meat or milk or milk products.

Wendy said kutya — wheat, poppy seeds, and honey cooked together — must be eaten before anything else. This is followed by fish, mushrooms, beans, perogy, borscht — beet soup, beets, cabbage rolls, bread, saueerkraut and finally, a fruit compote with prunes and raisins.

Happy New Year!

Students, students

'A computer eat dog world'

By DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writer

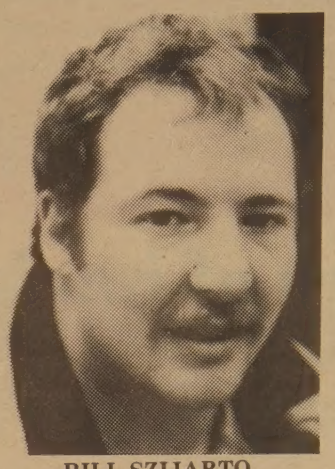
In the '80s, computers seem to be replacing dogs as man's best friend because computers can do more than dogs.

Unlike dogs, computers cannot be neutered and as 24-year-old data processing management student Bill Szijarto said, there are not enough people for this open field.

Bill, of Niagara Falls, is in his third year of the accelerated program which he describes as the organizing, processing and delivery of information.

"It is a fascinating field; there are so many things you can do," he said. "If there is a job to be done, chances are there is probably a computer application for that job."

Bill originally started his post-secondary education at the University of Guelph studying for a bachelor of science with computer architecture. He said it was a very gruelling program but he was dissatisfied with its lack of practical work.



BILL SZIJARTO

"I wanted to do more programming rather than reading books. We did a bit of programming to prove theories but I didn't think it would help in the long run."

He wanted to stay in a related field and heard about Niagara's program from friends who said they enjoyed it; that influenced his decision to come here. He said the courses are well organized and related in a useful fashion.

"You must like computer rooms, working late and be infinitely patient," Bill said. "It is challenging — the types of problems you are asked to solve — and unbelievably frustrating at times or satisfying when it works."

Bill said what they are learning is relevant to trends in technology which is extremely volatile, and new courses have been introduced to keep up with different concepts and ideas.

"Our program is trying hard to stay current with industry."

For the future, Bill wants to be a systems analyst with his own company of specialists. This involves analysing a customer's situation, whatever it may be, to decide if it is feasible to use computers to make a business more efficient, lower costs, and make information more accurate and timely.

This past summer, Bill taught micro-computer applications at the college; he feels this will give him a better chance of finding a job because of the experience it gave him within his field.

"I guess my teachers felt I could pull it off," he said about his teaching stint.

Laid off:

Decided to return to school at 30

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

Bill Bosnich is a second-year business administration/marketing management student and president of the marketing group.

Bill, 30, is single and worked seven years before returning to school. He came back because he was being laid off intermittently, was feeling bored and "not stimulated."

He wanted to do something that would use his mind and talents more fully. He worked for Stelco/Page-Hersey, who have recently undergone a name change and are now on strike.

Before enrolling at Niagara, Bill worked as a news announcer for CHOW radio station. He was there for nine months. He got the job after attending a six-month broadcast course in Toronto. A friend of his family had heard about the opening at CHOW and told him about it.

"The reason I left the station was I didn't fully understand about moving up through the ranks," Bill said. "I wasn't ready to move from city to city for promotions. I applied too late to get into Radio and Television programs here or at Fanshawe. The admissions were all booked so I went into business administration."

Along with being involved in the marketing group, and keeping up his studies, Bill tends bar at the Aquaduck, part-time. His first day at the Aquaduck was Niagara College's year-end bash last April.

BILL BOSNICH

"I didn't start out tending bar, but at the bottom of the ladder," Bill said. "I was the one going around picking up bottles from tables and emptying ashtrays."

"I moved up through the ranks pretty quickly." Bill has been tending bar since May.

Before coming to Niagara, Bill took a few part-time courses at Brock University. The courses helped to influence him toward his present course of study.

For the future, Bill is interested in advertising, "the creative end," he said. "Not graphics, but creative copy writing. Hopefully I'll get to be an account executive."

Bill is not really exploring the possibility of opening his own agency now, but doesn't completely rule it out.

Student enters race

Excited about B of G elections

By BARBARA HORNING
Staff Writer

Brian Staneff, a 26-year-old marketing student, is excited about the idea of running as student representative for the Board of Governors in January.

"Just looking at the idea of getting involved with the Board interests me," Brian said.

Elections for the new internal members of the board will be held Jan. 20; one representative each from students, administrative staff, faculty and support staff.

Brian, who lives in Welland, hopes to get involved in politics in the future.

MANY UNSURE

He feels most students coming from high school into the college are still not sure of what they want to do or accomplish in the future.

"Students should stay away, then come back," he said; "it will increase their ability to learn."

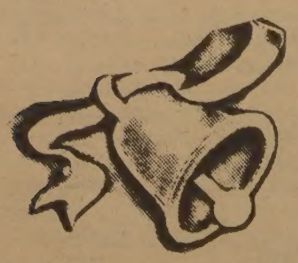
Brian spent seven years working after high school before coming back to "broaden my horizons."

"I stayed away for seven years, now I'm back because I want to be."

After he finishes college, he feels confident about finding a job because there are "so many jobs available in marketing; it is not just selling things like most people think."

He feels it is important to get feedback from students about any ideas or complaints they have, and having a seat on the Board "is the best way to do it."

BRIAN STANEFF



NIAGARA COLLEGE
CHRISTMAS BASH
THURS. DEC. 17
at the
ROSE VILLA
Riverside Dr.
$3 Cover
$2 If you're dressed
in *red* and *green*

Some of the many people who attended the International Interior Design Exposition move to the second floor of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre where they could view displays that covered almonst 200,000 square feet of floor space.

Photo by Donald Wilsack

Show has grown over years

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

The room was small, filled wall to wall with people of all sizes. Everyone was bumping into everyone else. Mumbled "Excuse me's" were heard throughout the room. Children and babies were squealing and crying or grabbing at the crafts displayed on tables placed too close together. Mothers looked at the craftspeople silently apologizing; the craftspeople smiled understandingly.

Each time a sale was made at one table, everyone had to shift to reach for bags and wrappings. Everyone tried to be understanding. After all, it was the first time in 14 years that the Bazaar has been held in such a small place or held off the Six Nations Reserve. The show was held Nov. 7 in one room at the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford.

The 19th annual Independent Indian Handicrafters Bazaar began in a basement of a home with about five members; over the years it has grown to more than 25 families, each holding at least one table of home-made crafts.

"This is nearly as crowded as the early days," Eva Williams, president of the group said. "We started out in the basement of my home. We grew and had to seek other facilities. We used to hold all of our shows in the community hall on the reserve."

But the building is old and needs many repairs; the bathrooms do not work; the hall, although roomy, was cold and drafty.

People were able to move freely in the old building; there was no feeling of claustrophobia. There used to be room enough to set out a few chairs for the customers, but not this time.

Once people came into the new location, they had to keep moving — hardly able to pause long enough to look at the crafts offered for sale.

"The customers are used to all the space we had in the hall," Helen said.

The positioning of the tables was awkward. They were in two rings around the room, one against the wall with barely enough room for chairs and an inner ring, broken by two dead end aisles more or less in the middle. The customers in wheel chairs or pushing strollers ran over many toes.

"I had people struggling to make their way up the aisle I was in, only to find out they had come to a dead end," Janice Williams, former secretary, said.

Eva has been president of the handicrafters since the beginning. A few times she has tried to step down, but the members always ask her to stay.

"Eva is the backbone of the group," Janice said. "It's rare to find someone who cares enough to work so hard on a voluntary basis."

Everything sold or displayed at the bazaar is hand-made on the Six Nations Reserve. The group have strict rules; only members and the immediate family's members may have work on display. If members are found to have someone else's work on their hable, the booths will be closed immediately and the members will lose membership for life.

"The rules may seem harsh, but in reality, the rules protect both the organization and the customer," Eva said. "We would not be sought out year after year if we did not respect our customers and our reputation."

There was a break in the organization a few years ago; some crafts people unhappy with the rules formed another group. Each year, the first Saturday of November, two craft shows are held. It works well for wholesalers who come out. They get a chance to see nearly every craftperson on the reserve, Eva said.

The handicrafters have a great variety of crafts for sale. Handmade moccasins, delicate silver jewelry, colorful paintings, ceramics, traditional beadwork and several styles of soapstone carvings. There were hidden food booths, but no one could find them. Unfortunately, the food booths were in another building, downstairs and difficult for the elderly and handicapped to reach. In the past, the food booths were up on the stage, and within easy access.

"Every organization goes through growing pains at times; I guess ours aren't finished yet," Eva said.

They saw it all

Everything imaginable for interiors was there and so were Niagara's interior design students at the International Interior Design Exposition at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The three-day show last month was organized by the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario where interior designers and related professionals can see the latest products available to them.

Interior design co-ordinator Paul Firlotte said students attended the show to expose them to the products and materials that interior designers use in projects and businesses.

These products include artwork, furniture, fabrics, lighting, floor coverings and accessories that would give visitors ideas and concepts for the interiors of offices, houses, hospitals, restaurants and hotels.

"It is what they are going to experience in the future," Mr. Firlotte said. "The students also gather materials, promotional items and samples for their own private resource centre and for use on the many projects and assignments that they are required to do in their three years at Niagara."

Some of the displays were quite elaborate and creative in not only making the products look appealing but also attracting the attention of visitors, inviting them to talk with company representatives.

CRATER ON FLOOR

Allsteel Canada put a volcanic crater on the show's floor with its office furniture spewing from and submerged in and above the rock-like border that surrounded the entire display.

Third-year student Jamie Dufour said he thought some of the displays did not deserve to be there because they were not up to quality but overall, the majority were good.

"I found the other college techniques were neat; they exposed the different techniques used at other schools," he said, referring to a display that had colleges work from across Canada, including Niagara.

First-year student Kelly Wilson said it showed them what design is all about and gave her an idea of expensive taste rather than run-of-the-mill.

"The whole thing as a package was wow," Kelly said. " It was a practical experience and showed the real world as opposed to school."

Second-year student Lily Geier said most of the displays made her go over and look, and most of the display representatives explained things well.

"A lot of displays do make impressions, especially the way people are with you."

SUZETTE'S ELECTROLYSIS

Professional Certified Electrologist, R.N.A.
Member of the F.C.E.A. & A.E.O.
-**Permanent Hair Removal**
Face, arms, abdomen, back, breasts, underarms, bikini line and legs
-Recommended by the Medical Profession
-We only use disposable filaments
-Safe & gentle treatments
-Free consultation and brochure
-A discount with your first treatment
14 Douglas St. (Behind Valdi's) 788-2144
Closed Mondays

Suzette Perreault

Season's Greetings

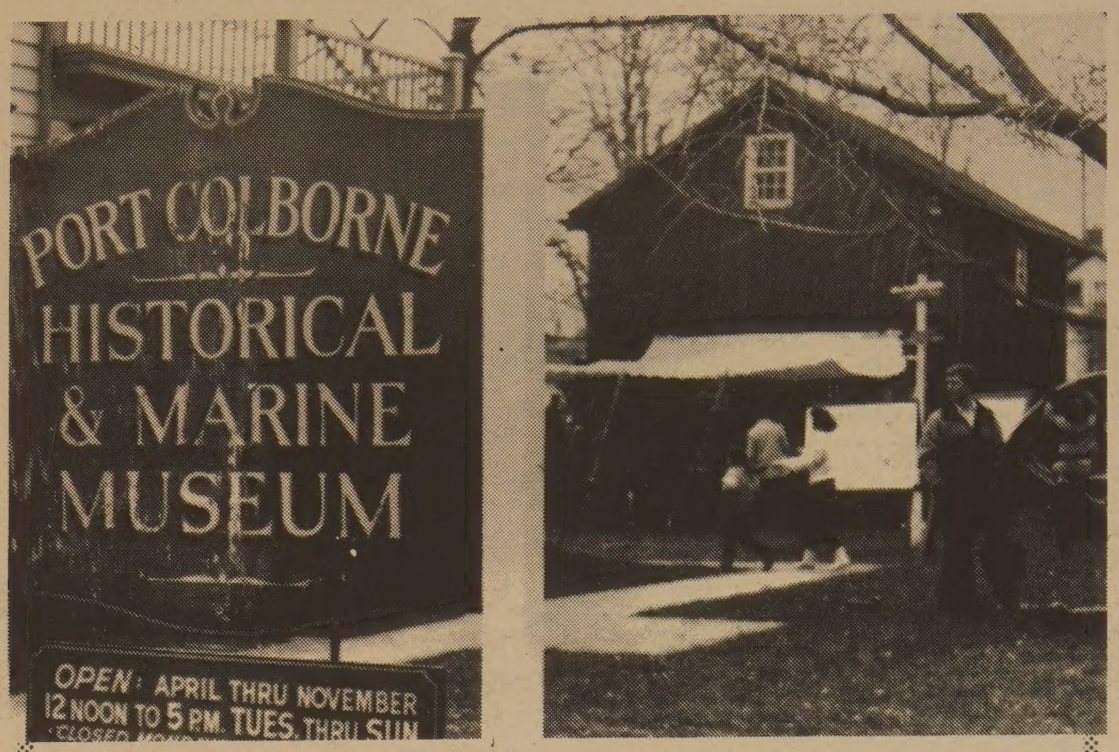
Santa would like to remind you that today, Dec 11, is your last chance to come do your Christmas shopping at the Fashion Club. Don't miss out on the action!!!

FASHION CLUB

The Fashion Club
would like to take this opportunity
to wish everybody at Niagara College
a safe and joyful holiday season.
We've had a blast serving you and
hope to see each and every one of you
in the new year. Have a very... Merry Christmas

operated by fashion arts tecumseh centre,
welland campus
735-2211 ext. 768

NIAGARA COLLEGE



Crowds of people drank in the Christmas spirit at the annual Christmas Festival held at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Musuem on Nov. 28 and 29. The event features crafts, food, Christmas carols and, of course, Santa Claus.
Photo by Wendy Kudeba

Christmas spirit at museum

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

With the smell of voyageur stew in the air,
And smiling children's faces everywhere,
Santa arrived with a clack and a clatter
but whatever could be the matter?
The fat, jolly elf had delivered a shocker
Had old Santa really gone off of his rocker?
Santa had finally decided to appear
But where the heck were his tiny reindeer?

Cookie crumbs fell and cider was spilled.
Had the poor magic reindeer been killed?
"Relax everyone, you still get to see him."
Said a visitor to the Port Colborne museum.
He arrived on a haystack for the children to ride,
Stepped off confidently, then went inside.

Inside the log cabin what did he see
But laughing children waiting patiently
With crayons and popcorn strings in their hands
They sang along merrily with the Christmas bands.
In turn each of the good little girls and boys
Gave Santa a list of their "favoritest" toys.

The museum itself was filled with crafts and sweets
There were toys, decorations and chocolate treats.
Starched, knitted snowflakes and arrangements of flowers
People were browsing and buying for hours.
The craftsmen had come from all over the region
Displaying their wares for this extraordinary season.

Pulled by the smells of fine cooked cuisine —
Stew, sausage and hot dogs were the stars of this scene —
"Voyageur stew?" were heard many to ask.
"It is a very important part of our past,"
Said a history club member who stirred it with care.
"Go on and try some," she said. "If you dare."

And next to the place of the stew were more crafters
Wreaths and evergreen branches hung from the rafters.
Tart cider sipped and cheerful carols sung,
Bright Christmas spirit was felt by everyone.

And last, before leaving, a hayride, to rest
Once around town was the route that was best.
The horses puffed warmth into the cold of the day.
What a quaint little picture it did portray.
And Santa exclaimed on his way back to the pole,
Merry Christmas to all, I have reached my goal.
And through this fair city, Christmas fever has spread
And my reindeer are only resting, he said, "they're not dead."

Graduate advises:

At work don't ruin college's reputation

Co-op students are a step ahead of other students because they have lots of experience behind them, Deborah Heida, a retail management graduate, said. She spoke to first-year retail management students Dec. 3 about co-op and travel.

"On your work co-op, don't ruin the school's reputation," she said. "Make a good example for the students that follow you." "Put your best foot forward and think of the long term benefits. How will this benefit me years down the road?"

Deborah graduated in '87 and has been working at her parents' ladies fashion store in Vineland. In January she will be managing the Heida Ladies fashions in Grimsby.

She recently helped her parents develop an inventory control system for their business. She learned the techniques in school an she said it is nice to use the skills in practice.

IN ENGLAND

Deborah spent a 12-week co-op placement in St. Albans, England. She worked at Boots drugstore there and found it different.

There are no courses in retail management there and they don't realize the skills involved, she said. They had no music in the store and when the manager asked for her ideas, she suggested music. They researched and had a stereo installed.

"If you can get the initial money together to work abroad, you'll survive," she said. She did a lot of travelling when she was over there. She spent many weekends in London and visited France and Holland. It's basically a break-even situation.

She stressed asking questions on work terms. "It's up to you to get information you can't be shy. Ask every conceivable question," she said. "You must have a good attitude because you're there to learn."

Everything learned at school and on work term will eventually come together." When you put everything together, you have covered all the aspects of retail management.

HAIR HUNTERS
2 Locations!

PERM SPECIAL!
Bring this coupon in and get $10.00 off a rod to roller perm.
Seaway Mall
800 Niagara St.
Welland, Ont.
735-6462
Port Colborne Mall
287 West Side Rd.
Port Colborne, Ont.
835-1601

We offer a university education and a career to make the most of it.

Ask about the Canadian Forces Regular Officer Training Plan for Men and Women.

- have your education subsidized by the Canadian Forces at a Canadian military college or a mutually selected Canadian university upon acceptance.
- receive a good income, tuition, books and supplies, dental and health care and a month's vacation if your training schedule allows.
- choose from a large selection of 1st-year programs.
- have the opportunity to participate in a number of sporting and cultural activities.
- on graduation, be commissioned as an officer and begin work in your chosen field.

It's your choice, your future.

For more information on plans, entry requirements and opportunities, visit the recruiting centre nearest you or call collect — we're in the yellow pages under Recruiting.

Canada
THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Micro lab the best

By GORDON WILSON
Staff Writer

Richard Furbacher, Niagara College instructor, is "really to be congratulated" on the work he has done towards the new microelectronics lab, Jaqueline Robarts, college president, said at the lab's official opening in M-23 Nov. 26.

Niagara is the only college in Canada with a manufacturing capability of producing high tech semicoductor wafers ("microchips.")

"Students will receive state-of-the-art training in these new facilities," Miss Robarts said. "Richard has worked very hard on the new lab. I know he is looking to making this into a separate program."

William Ford, chairman of the Board of Governors, also congratulated Mr. Furbacher on his work, and said it was fitting that the new lab was opened during College Week across Canada.

Elected officials, college officials, instructors and students were among those attending the opening. Alderman Leo Robbins representing Mayor Roland Hardy of Welland cut the ceremonial ribbon.

$500,000 UPGRADING

More than $500,000 has been spent upgrading the microelectronics laboratory through special government grants and donations of equipment. The donations from RCA Canada, Mitel Corporation, Bell Northern Research, Northern Telecom and include "clean room" fixtures, automated microelectronics assembly and enviromental test equipment.

"Enviroment is one of the most important factors in our industry," Mr. Furbacher said.

Ed Lukacs, third-year-electronics technology-student, said this lab is a lot better then the old one. "There is a lot more room and what we make here will be of a lot better quality," he said.

"We'll be able to compete more with the standards in the industry," Ed said. He said the secret is the controlled enviroment.

To show the size difference between the circuits they deal with and dust particles in the air, "a particle on a circuit board is like a boulder," Ed said.

CLASS 10,000

Particles in the air are about 100 times larger than the circuits on a circuit board. There are about five million particles of dust in standard air per cubic foot. In the microelectronics lab, there are only 10,000, so it is a class 10,000.

There are filters in the ceiling to keep the air in the lab at a class 10,000. While working in the clean room students will wear white suits made of paper which allow fewer particles to circulate in the air. The term clean room refers to a dust-free electronics manufacturing area. "Cleanliness is critical," Ed said.

Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, said Mr. Furbacher has provided the college with an international reputation. "He has had papers published and accepted by industry and trade press." Mr. Zanutto said these facilities indicate an excellent profile for the college.

Mr. Furbacher is working on a proposal for a co-op microelectronics engineering technology program which it is hoped will be offered in the future to students from across Canada.

Jackpot $ winner

By BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Who's bearded, jolly, and walks around with a huge smile on his face this season? If you're thinking Santa, you're wrong!

Phil Novak, second year radio/television student, received his Christmas present earlier this year. He walked into the newsroom this week, a look of eargerness on his face, to announce that he had won $2,405.50.

He won it on the Global TV gameshow Jackpot. He said after competing in an audition with 14 other people, he then had to win a final rehearsal round with one other person from St. Catharines. A few days later, he was called for the show.

He had to take five changes of clothes with him to make it appear that he had been there a week, though the taping was done in one day, he said.

CASH, BUT...

"In terms of the week, I was the highest cash winner," he said. However, another man, the one who answered his riddle, won a car.

There was a lot of emotion in the air for both of them, Phil said. "Mine was the 15th riddle...the jackpot." He does not remember the riddle that he had to read.

He said when his one-year-old daughter saw him on TV, she walked up to it and said "DaDa!"

The money is already committed; he is using it to pay off his car.

He said Global's rules will not allow him to audition for another show for at least a year.

Volleyball

Successful opener for men's team

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's volleyball team opened its first regular season in 10 years at Redeemer College in Hamilton on Nov. 28 and, as coach Ray Sarkis has been saying throughout the exhibition schedule, the Knights are a force to be reckoned with in the Tier II league.

The Knights played six two-out-of-three matches, finishing second with four victories against two losses.

They opened up against the Sir Sandford Fleming Knights. In the two previous Knights versus Knights matches, Sir Fleming took both contests.

The first game was a back and forth contest, and Niagara showed signs of opening game jitters. Sir Sandford Fleming took the first in a close contest by 15-13.

In game two the Niagara team shook off all signs of opening game jitters, thrashed their opponents by a convincing 15-4 score.

"In this game, everything came together," Ray said."It was by far our best game of the year."

The rubber match of the opener was another see-saw battle. But with some key kills by power hitter Chris Mudjar, and a strong team effort, the Knights of Niagara held on for a 15-13 victory.

WHEN IT COUNTS

Although Niagara is down two matches to one against Sir Sandford this year, Ray said, "We beat them when it counted most. I think we're building a rivalry with these guys."

In the Knights second match of the day, they met the George Brown Huskies. Niagara had a hard time getting ready for the Huskies following such an exciting match. The game was anticlimactic for them, but they did beat the Huskies in two straight games by 15-11 and 15-13.

"The team is starting to realize they are a better team than they thought they were," Ray said. The exhibition schedule helped them to get where they are now.

Following the victory over George Brown, the Knights ran up against the Durham Lords, a team they have had difficulty with before. This time was no different. The Knights had a tough time making quick blocks in the first fame and lost 15-8.

In the second, the Knights pulled up their socks and put together a strong performance but eventually lost the see-saw battle 15-13. The Lords were the tournament's top place finishers with a record of 6-0.

Later in the afternoon the Knights played the St. Lawrence Vikings. In this game the Knights had something to prove as the last time the two teams met, the Vikings beat the Knights in two consecutive games.

GAVE PROOF

And prove something they did. With a strong performance by everyone, particularly Anson Humphreys, the Knights blew their opponents off the court by 15-2 and 15-0 skunk.

"In all my years coaching volleyball, that was only the second game in which I've been involved where my team has skunked the opponent," Ray said.

He was pleased with the play of setter Yves Aubin. "He has learned how to read the defence, and his running of the offence has improved so much. He keeps our offence in total control." Without a backup setter, Ray was forced to use Yves in every game of the day.

Next up for the Knights was Redeemer College, a team which Niagara has previously handled with ease. The Knights' dominance over Redeemer was almost their nemesis on this day.

Ray said, "The guys were overconfident because we beat them before! It was the only time during the day that I had to blow up at them."

The Knights did, however, beat the Royals in succesive games by 15-10 and 15-12. Redeemer acted as a backboard for the Knights returning everything they hit at them. This frustrated Niagara but they still went on to record the victory.

FINAL GAME

In the final game of the day, the Knights played the Cambrian Golden Shields in a slow-paced game, both teams seemed tired by this time. The Knights managed only three blocks in the two games against Cambrian. This proved costly as the Knights lost both games by 15-12 and 15-8.

"I was very pleased with the play of Ken (Geyer), Jeff (Vyse) and Paul (Hill) coming off the bench," Ray said following the long day of matches. "They did a great job replacing our starters when they were tired."

Anson said,"All those games we played before have paid off for us, and it feels pretty good."

Ray said that his offensive guns for the weekend were Chris, Dave Bellerby, Ron (Opie) McPherson and Paul Blakely. His defensive standouts were Anson, Dave and Chris. Chris said, "If we play the way we can for the rest of the year, we could end up in the top two of our league for sure."

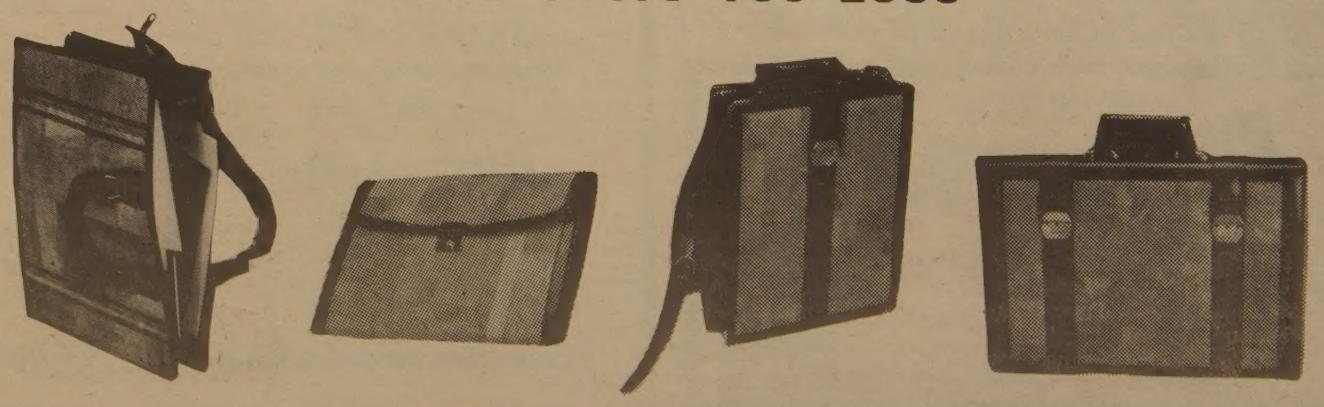
CONCEPTS IN CORK

BRIEFCASES, PURSES, HANDBAGS, KEYCHAINS, ALL MADE FROM SOFT AND PLIABLE CORK LEATHER

MARIUS ENTERPRISES
IMPORT-EXPORT

14 Terrace Ave., Welland, Ontario, L3C 2C4

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE.
PHONE 1-416-788-2635



SPORTS

Niagara Knights women's volleyball team gets ready to use their well-learned skills and put them to use on defensive return play. From left to right are Jody Smith, Peggy Bonisteel and Tami James.
Photo by Wendy Kudeba

Jody Smith (left) and Pay Reynders leap in an attempt to stop their opponent — a Lambton Lion — from bringing her wrath down upon the Knights.
Photo by Wendy Kudeba

Knights have good start, but...

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

The Niagara College women's volleyball team got off to a triumphant start in their final round of exhibiton play at Redeemer College in Hamilton last Saturday but let their ambition to win slip away as the tournament progressed.

In five two-game matches, the Knights easily defeated the Lambton Lions from Sarnia and won one game each against Redeemer and George Brown. The Knights lost matches to Cambrian and Canadore.

"We beat ourselves; we just stopped playing," coach Judy Halaiko said. Everyone has to "start giving 100 per cent all the time" if they want to win.

Niagara gained a quick 6-1 lead in the first game of the first match against the Lions. The Lions consistently tried to gain points but Niagara's teamwork proved impenetrable.

The Knights charged ahead bringing the score to a 12-3 standstill. The Lions were not to be destroyed and gained four consecutive points in retaliation. The Knights had let enough pass them by and finished the game with three quick points to earn a 15-7 win.

GOOD START

The second game of the match followed suit with Niagara gaining the lead, then allowing Lambton to gain much needed points. The Knights once again sent them crashing back with a 15-8 victory.

A consistent barrage of serves by Tami James, Michelle Watson and Jody Smith along with the good return play of Pat Reynders and Anne Labrie especially, helped in bringing the Knights victory.

The second and fourth matches found Niagara meeting old rivals — their Redeemer Royal hosts and the George Brown Huskies. The teams offered their usual stiff competition but in the first game of each match Niagara was undaunted, claiming a 16-14 and 15-8 victory, respectively.

BUT ALAS...

The second games proved humiliating as the Knights were pulled off their winning pedestal and were brought crashing down with 15-1 defeats in both games.

"(They) have to learn that once a mistake is made, to shake it off and continue with the game," Judy said. "That was one of the best games we played against Redeemer. We really had them going."

Their third match of the day brought the Knights up against a new competitor, the Cambrian Golden Shields from Sudbury. This team's fresh competition proved too much for the Knights and they lost both matches with scores of 15-3 and 15-4.

In their last match of the day, the Knights regained some of their confidence and spirit and took a quick 6-0 lead over the Canadore Kittens of North Bay but the Kittens clawed their way back up to a 15-8 victory.

In the second game of the match, the teams toyed with one another, each gaining one point at a time. The Kittens kept stealing Niagara's serving privilege to gain three or four consecutive points at a time. This eventually led to a speedy end of the game with another 15-8 win for Canadore.

This tournament put an end to exhibition play and the season will officially open for the Knights on Jan. 23 when the women's team travels to Loyalist College in Belleville.

P & G's
PIZZERIA
RED HOT SPECIAL!
50 WINGS
$10.75
633 EAST MAIN ST. WELLAND 788-2011

Rose City
GIFTS & NOVELTIES
"Everything You Want In a Gift Shop"

- Party Supplies/Rentals
  (Special Rates for Business Parties)
- Gift Baskets Available for All Ages & Occasions
  (Specializing in Baby Baskets)
- Wedding Invitations/Accessories
- Balloon-A-Grams and More
- Executive Gifts
- Silver & Crystal Ware
- Bar Memorabilia

"The Perfect
Stocking Stuffer Store"

Looking for models for
"Balloon-O-Gram Deliveries"
Send Picture and Background Information to:

835 Ontario Road
Rose City Plaza
Welland, Ontario
734-ROSE

SPORTS

The Terminators are the 1987 intramural floor hockey champions. They went undefeated through six games this year. Team members are (front row, left to right) Mark Ceci, Jamie Repovs, Todd Clayton and Pete Zwaagstra. Back row, left to right, are Gary Elderman, Jeff Hornick, Anson Humphreys, Don Bensch and Andre Lapointe.

Photo by Randy Conlon

Changing of the guard

Terminators new champions

The Terminators proved their dominance in the intramural floor hockey league by capturing their first title in defeating the Purple Helmets convincingly 7-1 last Tuesday.

In what proved to be anticlimactic after Terminator's semifinal victory over the Technobobs, they took full advantage of a five-minute power-play in the first period to finish off the Purple Helmets. The Terminators scored four goals during the five-minute span and had opened up 6-0 lead by half time.

The Terminators were led by the trio of Jeff Hornick, Andre LaPointe and Jamie Repovs. Hornick scored three goals, LaPointe two and Repovs netted one to go along with two assists.

The Terminators came out on fire in the first period scoring just 58 seconds into it on Hornick's first goal. Repovs set him up in front of the net and when Hornick had goaltender Cam Campbell at his mercy, he backhanded it over his shoulder.

It didn't take long before the Terminators struck again. Less than a minute later, LaPointe made a nice steal behind the Purple Helmet goal and circled in front putting a wrist shot past Campbell.

5-MINUTE MAJOR

After Purple Helmet forward Gary Corsi threw a vicious elbow to the head of Andre LaPointe, getting a five-minute major for drawing blood, the Terminators went on their four-goal rampage.

Repovs opened the assault when he fired a hard wrist shot from centre over the glove of the stunned Campbell. Anson Humphreys continued the attack less than two minutes later after taking a long pass from Repovs and firing a shot that handcuffed Campbell, over his glove.

A minute and 35 seconds later, Hornick stole the puck in front of Campbell and slid it under him for his second of the game. Before Campbell had time to bat an eyelash, LaPointe stole the puck and the Terminators had a 6-0 advantage heading into the final frame.

With a comfortable lead in the final period, the Terminators turned to their defensive game, led by Todd Clayton, and shut down the ever-feisty Purple Helmets.

Three minutes into the period Hornick completed the hat trick when he stole the puck, made a few excellent moves dazzling his opponents, and put the puck past Campbell.

BROKE SHUTOUT

Fifty seconds later, the Purple Helmets, determined although obviously defeated, broke goaltender Gary Elderman's shutout when John MacDonald converted a Bill Irwin pass by firing a shot past Elderman.

For the remainder of the game the Terminators slowed the pace taking only three shots on net and allowing only four. Clayton was largely responsible for that.

Clayton said, "We've made sure we weren't over-confident after beating the Technobobs. They weren't as good as the Technobobs, but they played a good game."

Hornick felt that last week's game was the final, even though the final was played against the Purple Helmets. "The turning point in this game was the five-minute major," he said. "We took over after that."

Andre said his team's defence had improved just in time for the playoffs. "With Todd back there, it's hard for them to penetrate because he's so big. Our goalie played really well, too."

Purple Helmet's Paul Taylor didn't feel his team was beaten by a better team. "I think we could have beaten them if we had a better start. We got here late and our goalie didn't have warm-up."

Either way, the Terminators were undoubtedly the dominant force not only on this day, but throughout the entire '87 floor hockey season.

Sac bash to be held at Rose Villa

This year's Christmas Bash will be held Dec. 17 at the Rose Villa in Welland. The festivities will begin at 8 p.m. and tickets are $3. Anyone arriving in the Christmas colors of red and green will get a $1 discount. No advance tickets will be sold.

There will be contest and prizes; the entertainment is a disc jockey.

3-year reign ends, Bobs outhustled

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

After three undefeated seasons and two championships, the Technobobs have given up their intramural floor hockey dominance. Their downfall was the appropriately named Terminators.

In a tight-checking battle last week, the Terminators outscored the Technobobs 4-1. The Terminators were clearly the better team on this day outhustling the Bobs to each loose puck and capitalizing on every Technobob error.

The Terminators opened the scoring midway through the first period when Andre Lapointe got a loose puck in front of Steve Burrows and back-handed it past the sprawled goaltender.

Two minutes later, they opened up a two-goal lead when Jeff Hornick was left open in front of the Bobs' net and put the puck past Burrows.

With less than a minute to play in the first stanza, Technobobs' Mario Bianchin put together an excellent end-to-end rush fighting through the Terminators' defence to cut their lead in half.

NO LETUP

In the second period the Terminators would not let up, scoring a power play goal by Todd Clayton. Larry Bone was in the box for the Bobs after grabbing the puck in front of his own net in an effort to save a sure Terminator goal.

Twenty seconds into the Bone penalty, Clayton fired a shot from the point which stymied Burrows, going right into the top corner. The Terminators held a two-goal lead and with the momentum going their way, it now looked as if the Bobs' reign was doomed.

With the Technobobs tiring, the Terminators seemed content with the two-goal lead. But just to be sure, the Terminators added another goal when Pete Zwaagstra slid the puck underneath Burrows' legs for the fourth goal.

TOO LATE

In a vain effort to give the Technobobs some spark, last year's goalie, Darryl Nadeau, was brought in. Nadeau made a few strong stops, but by this time it was too late to stop the powerful Terminators. Burrows was not to be faulted as he didn't have much help throughout the game.

Fred Bassi, who runs the intramural league, said, "These are two skilful teams. The key was the Terminators got the jump on the Technobobs, and wouldn't let them penetrate." The Technobobs were one-goal favorites heading into the match of undefeated teams. "This was the changing of the guard," he said.

Andre said, "We played a good defensive game and everyone gave 100 per cent effort. Our goal since before the season started was to beat the Technobobs."

Jeff added, "It's a great feeling because the Technobobs were undefeated for three years. We got revenge from last year when they killed us in the final 6-0."

With the nucleus of the Terminators returning next year, and the Technobobs all graduating, the Terminators should dominate, as have the Technobobs for the last two years.

NEW ORLEANS PIZZA SUBMARINES
Licensed under the L.L.B.O.
Now serving Pizza Slices
Try some today!
Phone 732-1345
Located on the corner of Woodlawn and First Ave.

SKI TRIP
BOOK NOW!
MONT. STE.- ANNE
December 27 - January 1
New Year's Ski Bash Party
Includes
• 5 Nights Accommodation in Old Quebec
• Transportation Via Luxury Motorcoach
• Tours Representative
• Optional Southwestern Ontario Pick up points
Not Included
• Optional 4 Day Ski Pass
• Ski Insurance 96.00
• Tax & Service Charge 30.00
Bus Package From $239.00
Call Mike 788-0762
Accomodations Only From $179.00
PARC DU MONT-SAINTE-ANNE
FRONT ROW TOURS

HERE COMES THE SUN

Runaway Bay FROM $469 plus taxes

Jamaica

MAR. 4 - 11

Negril FROM $399 plus taxes

Runaway Bay

Your Adanac Holiday Includes:
* Return airfare Holiday Includes:
* Seven nights accomadation
* Return transfers airport/hotel

SUNFLOWER VILLAS/CLUB CARRIBEAN
Come and live the life of luxury, while staying in beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom villas. Spacious air-conditioned villas with livingroom, and full kitchen just yards from the ocean. Facilities include 2 pools, 2 restaurants, discoteque and . . . UNLIMITED use of water sports equipment - - - that means *FREE* windsurfing, waterskiing, snorkelling, scuba clinics, and much more. Everything you could possibly imagine for a sports and fun-filled holiday!

RUNAWAY BAY - Sunflower Villas

	7 Sharing	6 Sharing
Cost per Person	$469	$479

Not Included:
* Hotel Tax & Service Charge - $78
* Canadian Departure Tax - $19
* Jamaican Departure Tax - $10 (paid locally)

Negril

Your Adanac Holiday Includes:
* Return airfare Toronto/Montego Bay
* Seven nights accommodaation
* Return transfers airport/hotel

EDDIE'S TIGRESS
Come and explore Negril's seven mile long, white sand beach! Stay at Eddie's Tigress, a small, comfortable hotel, just 100 yards to the beach. All rooms with private bath and guest kitchen access. Bars, restaurants, and the centre of town are easily accessible by foot. A perfect Jamaica experience for the budget minded student!

NEGRIL - Tigress Villas

	5 Sharing	4 Sharing	3 Sharing
Cost per Person	$419	$459	$489

NEGRIL - Eddie's Tigress II

	Quad	Triple	Double
Cost per Person	$399	$429	$459

Not Included:
* Hotel Tax & Service Charge - $68
* Canadian Departure Tax - $19
* Jamaican Departure Tax - $10 (paid locally)

For more info. please contact:

Niagara College SAC Office
Donna Flutur 735-2311

Adanac Tours